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PLEDGED TO FIGHT.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL MONDAY NIGHT.

Will Contest the Montclair-East Orange Sewer Scheme in the Courts - Would Injure this Town to Save Expense for Neighboring Towns - A Shy at the Governor.

Councilman Frederick Sadler, chairman of the sewer committee of the Town Council, offered the following resolution at the council meeting Monday night:

"Whereas, the governor of the State of New Jersey has seen fit to veto the bill passed by the Legislature through the efforts of the members of this council, ably assisted by the citizens and civic bodies of the said town of Bloomfield, which bill conferred upon the people of said town the privilege of controlling its own affairs by refusing permission to the neighboring municipalities of Montclair, Orange and East Orange to construct partially within the town limits works for the disposal of their sewage, and

"Whereas, the said neighboring municipalities have at their disposal various methods whereby they can dispose of their sewage by other methods, the only advantage accruing to them from the construction of said disposal works partly within the limits of this town being that they will be thereby able to dispose of their sewage at a less expense to themselves than by other methods, and

"Whereas, the town of Bloomfield, having had experience in the past with disposal works constructed within or near its borders, realizes that such disposal works invariably constitute a nuisance to the community wherein they are located, that they are a menace to the comfort, if not the health, of its inhabitants and seriously injure the value of the property of the municipality wherein they are located;

"Now therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the town of Bloomfield, that this council most heartily condemns and vigorously protests against the selfish and unneighborly conduct of the town of Montclair, and the cities of Orange and East Orange, in seeking to locate their disposal works partly within this town, thereby seriously and financially injuring the said town for their own pecuniary benefit;

"And be it further resolved, that this council pledge the people of the town

nor effort in contesting in the courts the right of the said neighboring municipalities to so injure this town for their own financial benefit."

The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote. Mayor Hauser expressed himself as very much in sympathy with the spirit of the resolution, and requested that copies of it be sent to the Belleville and Nutley Town Councils, which the clerk was instructed to do.

The mayor said that he had not heretofore been an ardent advocate of the recall, but since Governor Wilson had, by his veto of a bill of such consequence to Bloomfield, Belleville and Nutley, so flagrantly gone back on his much boasted advocacy of home rule, he would favor an application of the recall in the governor's case.

Alluding to the governor's invitation to speak here on the occasion of the centennial celebration, the mayor said he could not see how he could expect a cordial welcome from the people here.

Mr. Sadler said that he would also like to see an expression of appreciation on the part of the council to those who had worked so hard to get House bill No. 261 through the House and Senate, and he moved a vote of thanks to Assemblyman William M. Beard of Glen Ridge, Freeholder Seymour P. Gilbert and the Board of Trade. His motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Sadler announced that at the next meeting of the council he would have a recommendation to make in regard to the Passaic valley sewer contract matter.

Galenson-Mishell.

Miss Libbie Mishell, daughter of Mrs. Yetta Mishell of Maolis avenue, and Louis Galenson, a student at the New York University, were married Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Henry Glock, sister of the bride, 306 West Fifty-sixth street, New York. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of New York. The bride was attended by her niece, Miss Florence Garlock, of New York, as bridesmaid, while Henry Garlock was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Galenson will make their home here for the present. A reception to the couple was held Sunday night at the home of the bride's mother.

Protest Against Wilson.

At the regular monthly meeting of Phoenix Hose Company, No. 1, held Wednesday night, a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote, instructing the secretary of the company to write to the Town Council and state that if Governor Wilson is to be the chief orator on the occasion of the centennial celebration, the members of Phoenix Hose Company requested to be excused by the council from parading in the centennial parade.

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Storm Water Troubles.

The disposal of storm water is a problem that is demanding increasing attention of the town officials each successive year.

The recent heavy rainstorms have developed an acute stage of the difficult work at the present time, and many cases of serious damage from accumulation of storm water have been brought to the attention of the Town Council, with a request, in some instances a demand, that the council take action toward remedying the trouble. To meet these various requests and demands with any degree of promptness would take a great deal more money than the council is in a position to raise, and there are some cases where it is doubtful whether the conditions would warrant the council spending the public money in applying a remedy. These cases are where private property that is flooded with water is below the grade of the fronting street, and where it is obvious that the owner can remedy the trouble by filling in his property and which the owner will eventually have to do before he can use his property for building purposes. It is self-evident that the council cannot take official cognizance of such cases. Any nuisance arising from them will result in an exercise of the Board of Health power to compel the owner to abate a nuisance. In cases where the physical conditions are such as to require it, the Town Council is applying the effective remedy of a storm sewer and several projects of that kind are now before the council, for two of which, namely, the James street storm sewer and the Glenwood avenue storm sewer, bids were opened Monday night and contracts will be awarded at the next meeting of the council.

Another storm sewer project that the council has under consideration is one for draining the tract of land between Montgomery street and the Erie Railroad, south of Orchard street. That is an old and troublesome problem that has been before the town officials for several years, and one reason why it has not been carried out before is that the impression has prevailed that it was more a private duty than a public one. Owing to developments in that section of the town, and the large increase in population there, the time has come when it is imperatively necessary to act, and a plan for a storm sewer is now in the hands of the sewer committee. Another drainage problem of long standing was brought up Monday night when residents of Washington

some action towards relieving their properties of the nuisance caused by the accumulation of storm water north of that street, much of which finds its way there from the side hill streets of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

Mr. Murray, who has been several years in the council and has had personal experience with that troublesome spot, suggested that the council now take steps towards an effective and permanent solution of the trouble, and with that end in view the sewer committee was instructed to have the town engineer prepare a plan for a storm sewer there. The Washington street case, and the Montgomery street case, as well as storm water trouble in Watessing all arise from the filling up of old water courses by the development and improvement of the property through which original farm drains carried surface water to the running streams.

A costly storm sewer project was recently carried out in the Watessing district, extending from Watessing avenue to the Second river, emptying into that stream at the Franklin street bridge. For some reason, not yet defined, this storm sewer has not proved as beneficial as was anticipated, but that may be due to the fact that advantage has not been taken of the facilities it offers.

Mayor Hauser appealed to the sewer committee of the council Monday night to go to the rescue of the residents of Brookdale place, where, he said, according to stories told him by suffering property owners, a deplorable condition of affairs existed. The Erie Railroad Company, Mr. Albion said, was in part responsible for the Brookdale place conditions. Other notable instances of frequent inconvenience and damage from storm water are Halcyon Park and that section of Franklin street and the canal aqueduct. A storm sewer will remedy the Halcyon Park trouble, but it looks as if nothing but the removal of the canal aqueduct will effectually remedy the Newark avenue case.

Freeholder Gilbert Mr. Unangst informed the council Monday night, was interesting himself in alleviating the storm water trouble in the town by having the county culverts cleaned out, notably the Glenwood avenue arch bridge over Toney's brook.

That the Essex County Park Commission has a big problem before it in preventing damage by floods to the park lands in this town is very evident. Thrice since the first of March last, a vast tract of the park property has been flooded to a considerable depth by storm water. Two of the town's main streams, Second river and Toney's brook, converge on the park lands, and on occasions of heavy rains they assume respectable proportions as rivers, and their united rush of water finds an obstacle to free course at the canal aqueduct, and is backed up over the adjacent land as far west as Glenwood avenue.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wants Forty Thousand Dollars More to Complete New High School - Bathing, Dancing and Manual Training Discussed - Board of Estimate Meets Thursday Night.

When the Board of School Estimate meets next Thursday night, it will be asked to approve, in addition to the \$58,000 for current expenses of the schools, a \$60,000 issue of school bonds, \$40,000 of which is to be applied to finishing the new High School, and \$20,000 to the remodeling of the old High School building into a grammar school.

The above were the sums that were deemed necessary for the above work, at a meeting of the Board of Education, held Monday night. Mayor Hauser is a member of the Board of Estimate, and as the administration is faced with a considerable increased tax rate this year, the mayor may advocate a vigorous use of the pruning knife with respect to the school board's financial demands.

In addition to financial matters, the school board members discussed bathing, dancing and manual training Monday night.

Mr. Martin of the building committee, in speaking upon the equipment of the new High School, said that among other things with which it was proposed to equip the building, was shower baths, for both boys and girls.

Mr. Brown outlined a model system of baths that he had inspected in a recent visit to a New York city grammar school. Considerable discussion ensued over the bathing proposition as to the material to be used in the construction of the bathing rooms. Slate, copper and opaque glass were considered, but a final selection was left to the judgment of the building committee.

The dancing proposition came up in connection with the Social Centre work at the Berkeley school, under the auspices of the Women's Town Improvement Association.

President Oakes was of the opinion that no ruling should be made by the board on the question of dancing in connection with the Social Centre work.

Mr. Van Winkle was inclined to deprecate the countenance of the use of the schools for dancing. He said that one organization had as much right to the use of the schools as another, and there was no telling where the thing would lead to. Mr. Martin and Mr.

and they should be allowed to use them in any way they saw proper.

Mr. Eltor made a commendatory report on the work of the Social Centre at Berkeley school.

It was proposed to equip the manual training department of the High School with a most modern appliance for wood turning, carpenter and cabinet work. The equipment will include lathes, power saws and a planer. Mr. Eltor told of a visit he had made to the Stuyvesant High School in New York city and inspected the industrial work that is done there, and which he claimed was as incentive to students in their mental work.

Action was deferred on a proposition for building a new school house in the Silver Lake section.

A request from the Centennial Celebration Committee for use of the kindergarten rooms of the schools for two days each week until June was granted. The rooms are desired for the purpose of drilling the pupils in the folk lore dances that are to be given on the park as a feature of the centennial celebration.

The teacher's committee reported that Julia Hukst, Myrtle Gibbons and Irene Kildray had been engaged as teachers.

Orange Street Sewer.

On motion of Councilman Henry Albion Monday night, the report of the Board of Assessors levying the assessment for the Orange street storm sewer, was referred back to the board for readjustment of the assessments. Mr. Albion contended that the Orange street storm sewer construction was made necessary by the railroad improvement contract, and under that contract the town was obliged to make provision for taking care of the Watessing avenue surface water and the waste water from the Westinghouse Lamp Company, and in his opinion, the town, the Westinghouse Lamp Company and the railroad company ought to pay the cost of the sewer and not the Orange street property owners.

Mr. Albion claimed that the assessments were unequal and unfair. The John M. Dodd estate, he said, which derived but little benefit from the sewer, was assessed nearly as much as the Westinghouse Lamp Company, one of the chief beneficiaries, and a direct cause of the necessity for the sewer. Mr. Albion cited other instances in the list of assessment that in his opinion should be changed. The council, he said, would be confronted with litigation in endeavoring to enforce the assessments as set forth in the report.

Harry Maier, the hardware dealer, No. 445 Bloomfield avenue, is displaying a large new stock of Yale & Towne blunt door checks, and is also making a fine window display of general hardware.—Adv.

Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropodist, treats all foot ailments. Office room No. 2 Trust Company building.—Adv.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Contractors in Lively Competition For Public Work - To Purchase Horses For Fire Department - Appropriation For Park Land Purchase.

Contractors for public work were in the majority in the large assemblage present at the regular meeting of the Town Council Monday night.

Five bids for the James street storm sewer were read by the clerk, six for the Glenwood and Maolis avenues storm sewer, four for the Willard avenue concrete gutter, and four for supplying cast-iron pipe and special castings to the water department. The bids were all referred to committees.

The clerk reported no objections to the East Passaic avenue and Willow street extensions.

Mr. Unangst of the building committee submitted the report of Building Inspector George M. Cadmus showing 20 permits for new buildings granted during March and four permits for alterations and work, aggregating in value \$60,470, and \$62 collected in fees.

Mr. Unangst also reported that the owner, Mr. McGuinness, had torn down the dilapidated building on the west side of Bloomfield avenue, near Orange street, which the council had been endeavoring to have done for some time. Mayor Hauser expressed much satisfaction with the report.

Mr. Murray of the finance committee submitted the annual financial statement of the Sinking Fund Commission. Owing to the absence from town of Auditor Samuel M. Fisk, Mr. Murray had to delay his report on the auditor's work.

Mr. Unangst of the fire committee recommended the purchase of a team of horses at a cost not to exceed \$700, for use in drawing the combination chemical and hose wagon. Mr. Unangst said it was a very difficult matter to select a matched team, and Mr. Sadler, his colleague in the fire committee, corroborated that statement.

Mr. Murray suggested that the fire committee keep in reserve the fact that it was seeking a matched team, and Mayor Hauser commended the suggestion. Mr. Albion was the only dissenter in the vote on purchasing horses. "He has been opposed to it from the time the matter was first brought before the council," said Mr. Albion of the street lighting committee, "and the Public Service Commission had not yet placed the matter before it."

At Westminister Church to-morrow, the morning service will be given up to the Sunday school; the programme will

placed in Myrtle avenue as far north as Watching avenue, was referred to the lighting committee with power.

Mr. Unangst of the ordinance committee, reported that the town was entitled to another free telephone, and the motion of Mr. Albion that it be placed in the home of Adam Lind, overseer of the poor and transient officer was followed by much discussion and the locating of the telephone was deferred.

Mr. Sadler of the police committee, submitted a check for \$500 from Police Sergeant John R. Bayless, to be placed to the credit of the police pension fund. The check represents the proceeds of the police ball.

The monthly report of Chief of Police Collins showed seven arrests in March and \$10 collected in fines. Mr. Sadler submitted the application of Joseph J. McGowan for membership on the police force.

Mr. Sadler, chairman of the public grounds committee, moved an appropriation of \$300 for the purchase of land from Mary L. Walker for property needed to complete Morris Park lands in the Second ward. Mr. Sadler said that the committee had always understood that the property was to be donated for the park, but the owner had changed her mind. Mayor Hauser said that the women had not the right to vote, but had the right to change their minds. The motion to purchase the land was carried.

Mr. Hummel of the road committee, said that the bad weather had delayed the superintendent of public works in getting to work on the roads. Mayor Hauser requested the road committee to give immediate attention to the bad condition of Watessing avenue at the railroad bridge.

Mr. Albion of the sidewalk committee, asked if any reply had been received from the John M. Dodd estate in regard to cleaning the Watessing avenue sidewalk. The clerk read a letter to the effect that the matter would be attended to. Mr. Albion's motion to the effect that if the work was not done within four days that it be done by the town, and charged against the property was carried.

Mr. Harrison again brought up the matter of a guardrail along the Newark avenue sidewalk, opposite the canal aqueduct.

The Franklin Hill Company was notified to protect the sidewalk at that point, but claims that it does not own the property. The question of fixing the ownership was referred to the law committee and sidewalk committee.

Mr. Murray of the water committee, requested authority for that committee to purchase supplies for the water department, which was granted.

J. Gustave Holmgren made application for the transfer to him of the hotel license of William Parting, 16 Prospect street. A hearing on the application will be held on April 15.

Lake Street Sidewalk.

Owners of six hundred and fifty-five lineal feet of property in Lake street entered a protest against the resolution adopted by the council for a concrete sidewalk on both sides of that street. The protest was as follows:

"The undersigned property owners in Lake street, having been duly notified of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Town Council on March 4, providing for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on both sides of Lake street its entire length, and complying with notice that objection in writing to the same should be filed with the town clerk on or before April 1, 1912, do hereby petition your honorable body to give the matter further consideration for the resolution as adopted, would involve the removal of 727½ feet of bluestone walk now laid in Lake street, and the substitution thereof of concrete. This we feel is unwarranted, involving as it does an additional expense to those of the property owners who have already provided a bluestone walk, and we earnestly urge your honorable body to so modify the original resolution as to permit the bluestone walk to remain, and restrict the use of concrete to new sidewalks exclusively.

"Signed—Fanny Bindernagle, Hannah M. Shawcross, Valentine Gihardt, Charles J. Flanagan, Julius Froeter, Edward T. Kreuger, Mrs. D. Brady, F. L. O'Brien, Henrietta DeVoll, W. H. Drake."

Town Attorney Kocher, when appealed to by Mayor Hauser as to the bearing of the protest upon the resolution, said that it was not a protest against the improvement, but simply to have certain properties that were now provided with sidewalks, exempted from the operation of the resolution.

The mayor asked Mr. Kocher if the council could remove a bluestone walk and replace it with concrete. The attorney said it was within the power of the council, to do so, but it had not been the practice.

Mr. Albion, the introducer of the resolution, said it was not the intention to remove the bluestone walk, but to put concrete in front of those properties where there was no walk at present, and the resolution was referred back to the sidewalk committee for amendment to correspond with the request of the petitioners.

Westminister Church.

At Westminister Church to-morrow, the morning service will be given up to the Sunday school; the programme will

short address.

In the evening at 7:45 there will be the customary "praise service." Mrs. James M. McCutcheon, contralto of the Munn Avenue Presbyterian Church, East Orange, will have the offertory solo, "Thy Redeemer Liveth," by Manney. There will be a short sermon by Dr. Wilcox, and then the Easter cantata "Victory Divine," by J. Christopher Marks, will be sung by the Westminister chorus choir, assisted by the well-known soloists, Mrs. Elizabeth Schaup, Mr. Henry D. Bastow and Mr. Eric V. Goodwin. The principal numbers of the cantata are:

Male chorus, "Sir, we remember." Chorus, "The sky is dark." Tenor solo, "He was wounded." Chorus, "God so loved the world." Bass solo, "Behold, there was a great earthquake."

Soprano solo and chorus, "It is the hour of morning." Soprano solo, "As it began to dawn." Soprano and tenor duet, "By gift of love." Chorus, "Death is swallowed up in victory."

The cantata will be followed by the hallelujah chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

For the Monument Fund.

The members of William S. Pierson Woman's Relief Corps, No. 9, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, will give a supper on Tuesday evening, April 9, in Jarvis Memorial Hall, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Admission tickets are thirty-five cents. The proceeds will go to the soldiers' and sailors' monument fund of the Centennial Celebration Committee, and the members of the Relief Corps are desirous of helping along the monument fund to the amount of their ability and hope that they will be favored by a large and liberal patronage Tuesday night. Tickets are now on sale at Delhagen's store, No. 10 Broad street.

Death of Mrs. Metz.

There will be funeral services in the Park Avenue German Presbyterian Church at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon for Mrs. Elizabeth Metz, widow of Adam Metz, who died at her home, 446 Bloomfield avenue, on Tuesday, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Metz had been a resident of this town many years and a wide circle of friends mourn her death. Her surviving children are: John, Adam and Henry Metz, Mrs. Louis Kinz and Gussie Metz.

Funeral of Mrs. Pierson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara J. Pierson, wife of John T. Pierson of Glen Ridge, who died Saturday, were held Tuesday afternoon at her home, 19 Wilson road. Rev. Dr. Clarence Hall, pastor of the Congregational Church, officiated. Mrs. Pierson died in the Mountside Hospital.

BROAD STREET LINE.

TOWN ATTORNEY CHARLES F. KOCHER'S OPINION GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL.

The Olmstead and Cady Contract for Grade Maps Only - No Boundary Line Ever Defined on Broad Street Halcyon M. Barrett's Mistake.

When the report of the law committee was called for at the Town Council meeting Monday night, Town Attorney Charles F. Kocher made a report on the Broad street boundary line matter referred to that committee at a previous meeting of the council.

Mr. Kocher stated to the council that the town clerk had made for him a careful search of the minutes of the Town Council, and made transcripts of everything in the minute book pertaining to the Olmstead & Cady contract for the making of grade maps of the streets of the town. There was evidently much discussion of the matter of grades in the council proceedings and County Engineer James E. Owen was retained when Olmstead & Cady completed their work, and approved of the grades as shown on their maps. In all the records of the council there was only one instance of a hint at the matter of the Broad street boundary line, and that related to the Castle building, but there is no record of any action being taken in regard to it.

The authority given to Olmstead & Cady, Mr. Kocher said, was to make grade maps, and the only thing that Mr. Owen was called on to do was to pass upon the grade maps.

No authority was given to Olmstead & Cady to make boundary lines for any street.

Mr. Kocher said that he had been informed that the map prepared by Olmstead & Cady showed a building line, but that he had not verified this by an inspection of the maps, the result of his investigation making that unnecessary.

Mr. Kocher called attention to the fact that at the previous meeting of the council Mr. Rayner had stated that the monument stone which is now located at the corner of Broad street and Bloomfield avenue, was originally located in the center of the street, and was thence removed to its present location when the sewer was put through Broad street, because of the fact that in its original location in the street it interfered with

some in question is of course, negative the theory that it was placed by Olmstead & Cady as a monument to mark the boundary of Broad street.

The Town Council, Mr. Kocher said, has no power to establish street boundary lines except by ordinance and a notice to property owners on both sides of a street. In the matter under consideration, that of the so-called line of 1891, whatever action was taken was not followed up with an ordinance. It followed, therefore, Mr. Kocher said, that even though the Olmstead & Cady maps do show a definition of street boundaries and even though the council instructed them to so prepare the maps, the whole proceedings became inoperative by reason of not having been followed up by an ordinance.

Broad street boundary lines, he said, had never been defined, and the council has absolutely no right to change the lines on that street except by ordinance and notice to property owners. If the council sees fit, Mr. Kocher said, it can establish lines by ordinance, but in case those lines be established within the deed line, the property owners will be entitled to compensation for property taken.

Referring to Halsey M. Barrett's statement that statute power was given municipalities to allow steps and entrances to buildings to encroach upon the sidewalk to the extent of one-third of the sidewalk, Mr. Kocher said he had searched diligently for that statute but had been unable to find it, and he had called up Mr. Barrett about it and Mr. Barrett's reply was that he (Barrett) had been misinformed on the matter.

Christ Episcopal Church.

Organist and Choirmaster George Goldsmith Daland of Christ Episcopal Church, has arranged the following programme of music for the Easter service in that church tomorrow morning:

Prelude for violin, violoncello, harp and organ, Meditation, Massenet. Processional hymn, 109, Sullivan. Introit anthem, Christ our pass-over, Sheppard. Communion service in D, Dvorak. Creed in E flat, Dvorak. Easter hymn, "The Gift of God," Gower. Offertory anthem, As it began to dawn, Martin. At the Presentation of the Aims, Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah), Handel. At the Ablution, anthem, "The Magdalene," Warren. Recessional hymn 121, Palestrina. Organ Postlude, Allegro con brio (Symphony No. 2), Beethoven.

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